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: PETITION

This is a decision on Applicants' request, filed under 37 CFR 1.181, that the Reply Brief filed on June 30, 2008, be entered.

The Examiner issued a paper indicating that the Reply Brief was not entered, for failing to comply with 37 CFR 41.41(a). Applicants filed a request for reconsideration on August 11, 2008 and the Examiner refused entry on December 8, 2008.

The Examiner's position is that the Reply Brief includes new evidence. Specifically, Applicants attempt to rely on portions of prior art drawings. Applicants' position is that the Reply Brief includes a discussion of the reference applied by the Examiner.

DECISION

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The examiner is directed to enter the Reply Brief and forward the application to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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